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ACTION BY:
October 4, 2011

TO: All High School and Middle School Principals
FROM: E. Wayne Gent, Chief Officer Of Administration *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: 2011 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

The School District of Palm Beach County recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, 2011. The organizing committee has developed an essay contest to commemorate the month and to encourage students to actively participate. Please distribute the attached flyers/entry form among your teachers and students. Essays can be written in English or Spanish.

- Who? Students in grades 6 - 12
- When? Deadline is October 4, 2011

Theme: Celebrating and maintaining our culture is an essential part of our identity. There are many factors that influence cultures like food, music, language, famous individuals, literature and much more. What does being Hispanic mean to you? (*¿Qué significa ser Hispano para ti?*)

Three prizes will be awarded:

- First Place: 1st Prize Certificate and \$200
- Second Place: 2nd Prize Certificate and \$100
- Third Place: 3rd Prize Certificate and \$50

A committee comprised of teachers, administrators and community leaders will judge the essays based on a writing rubric to include content, originality, spelling and grammar. Winners will be announced during the third week of October 2011. Winners will be asked to attend the Hispanic Heritage Month closing ceremony on October 14, 2011 to accept their prizes and certificates.

Attachments

WFM:EWG:NH:NA:ca

Approved: *[Signature]*
William F. Malone, Superintendent

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September 15 – October 15
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

Attention students!! Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest organized by the School District of Palm Beach County. **ESSAYS CAN BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH.**

Who can participate? • Students in grades 6 – 12
When is the deadline? October 4, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

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ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- ✓ Essays must be 600-700 words written **IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH.**
- ✓ Entries must be typed in **Microsoft Word** and **e-mailed** to Natalia Arenas **no later than 5:00 PM on October 4, 2011**, at natalia.arenas@palmbeachschools.org (e-mail through teacher is also acceptable).
- ✓ The first page of each entry must include the **Entry Form Information** (located at the bottom of this page).
- ✓ Entries must use 12-point font Times New Roman, and double spaced.

Submissions are final. Essays will be scored by a committee comprised of school teachers, administrators and community leaders based on content, originality, spelling, and grammar.

Essays remain the property of committee and will not be returned to their authors.

Winners will be announced during the third week of October 2011.

Please copy/paste the following entry information on the first page of your essay.

ENTRY FORM INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Student's Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Sponsoring Teacher: _____ Teacher's Email: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Career Goals: _____